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SUBJECT: FUNDING OF COMMERCIAL SERVICES CENTER

1. THE EMBASSY HAS SUCCEEDED IN CONSTRUCTING ITS LONG-AWAITED COMMERCIAL SERVICES CENTER. ALTHOUGH THE BASIC STRUCTURE IS COMPLETE, FINISHING OF THE INTERIOR IS STALLED DUE TO LACK OF FUNDS. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT FUNDING FOR THE CENTER WAS TO BE INCLUDED IN POST'S CURRENT BUDGET (\$30,000 ACCORDING TO THE FY 76 CCP.) HOWEVER, AT THE PRESENT TIME THE STATUS OF THAT FUNDING IS NOT CLEAR. COSTS TO DATE FOR REMODELING OF THE FORMER APO IN AN EMBASSY LEASED BUILDING HAVE BEEN \$20,000. ADDITIONAL FUNDS NEEDED TO COMPLETE THE INTERIOR WILL RUN, ACCORDING TO EMB CALCULATIONS, \$18,000, INCLUDING FREIGHT.

2. THE CENTER WILL NOMINALLY SERVE AS OFFICES FOR 3 LOCALS AND 1 OFFICER AS WELL AS THE POST'S COMMERCIAL LIBRARY. HOWEVER, AS THE NEED ARISES IT WILL BE USED FOR CATALOGUE SHOWS, SMALL EXHIBITS, CONFERENCES, LECTURES, FILM AND SLIDE PRESENTATIONS, SMALL RECEPTIONS AS WELL AS PROVIDE VISITING BUSINESSMEN WITH OFFICE SPACE TO MEET CLIENTS IN PRIVATE. FOR SUCH A SCHEME TO WORK IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO REPLACE MUCH OF THE STANDARD GI FURNITURE WITH SMALLER, MODERN OFFICE FURNITURE, EASILY TRANSPORTABLE AND STACKABLE. ALSO NECESSARY TO THIS OPERATION WOULD BE A FLEXIBLE ROOM DIVIDER, PROJECTION EQUIPMENT, XEROX MACHINE, CARPETING, ETC.

3. WE WISH TO EMPHASIZE THAT DUE TO THE PECULIAR BUSINESS CLIMATE PARTICULAR TO KINSHASA, MOST VISITING U.S.

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BUSINESSMEN AVAIL THEMSELVES OF THE EMBASSY'S SERVICES.
WE FEEL WE HAVE SUCCEEDED THUS FAR IN PROVIDING THE
VISITING U.S. BUSINESSMAN WITH VALUABLE SUPPORT, HOWEVER,
AT TIMES OUR CAPABILITIES HAVE BEEN SOMEWHAT LIMITED
AND OUR RESOURCES TRAINED. WITH THE ADDITION OF THE
NEW COMMERCIAL SERVICES CENTER, PROPERLY EQUIPPED, WE
WILL BE IN A POSITION TO GIVE MAXIMUM EFFECTIVE SUPPORT
TO THE VISITING U.S. BUSINESSMAN.

4. ASSISTANT COMMERCIAL ATTACHE DAVID MATHEWSON IS
SCHEDULED TO BE IN WASHINGTON THE WEEK OF 16 FEBRUARY AND
WOULD WELCOME AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONSULT WITH COMMERCE AND STATE
ON THIS MATTER.
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